

**In the Drawings:**

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Figures 1-5.

Attachment: Replacement sheets

**REMARKS**

Applicants have overcome the Examiner's objection to the Drawings by submitting uncropped copies of Figures 1-5. Terminal 6a is depicted in Figure 1.

Claims 1-8, 11 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) on Noble (U.S. Patent No. 5,914,870). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite "at least one additional device, for which an impedance is chosen such that a resonance-oscillatory circuit is created for the synchronizer signal generator device having a resonance frequency which essentially coincides with the frequency of the synchronizer signal; and a clock generator device to generate a clock signal having a frequency, wherein the clock generator device is controlled by the synchronizer signal, and the frequency of the synchronizer signal is greater than the frequency of the clock signal," as disclosed at least at page 7 line 31, through page 8, line 19, of applicants' specification.

Noble does not disclose or suggest the above quoted features. Specifically, Noble does not disclose forming a resonance-oscillatory circuit with a synchronizer signal generator such that a synchronizer signal to control a clock signal such that the frequency of the synchronizer signal is greater than the frequency of the clock signal, as recited in claim 1. The Examiner has not asserted that Noble makes such a disclosure.

Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable. Independent claim 16 recites features substantially similar to those of claim 1 discussed above and is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 7-8 and 11 depend from allowable claim 1 and are allowable due at least to their respective dependencies.

Claims 9, 10 and 12-15 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) on Noble in view of Cruz (U.S. Patent No. 6,396,316). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Cruz fails to overcome the deficiencies of Noble detailed above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, claims 9, 10 and 12-15, which depend from allowable claim 1, are allowable due at least to their respective dependencies.


Applicants solicit an early action allowing the claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. **543822005100**.

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